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Section C Second Revised Sheet 4

# BASIC LOCAL SERVICE

## LIFELINE SERVICE TARIFF

#### C.5 LOW INCOME PROGRAM

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The Company, as part of its obligations as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier, offers a low-income assistance program. This program, Lifeline Assistance, is offered under the terms and conditions provided below:

#### 1. Lifeline Assistance

#### a. General

Lifeline Assistance is a non-transferable retail service offering for which qualifying low-income subscribers pay reduced charges, as provided for below. Lifeline Assistance enables eligible subscribers to pay reduced charges for voice telephony service that includes the following services: voice-grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; local usage; access to emergency services; and toll limitation.

#### b. Regulations

Subscribers are eligible for Lifeline Assistance if:

- 1) The subscriber's household income is at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, or
- 2) The subscriber, or one or more of the subscriber's dependents or the subscriber's household, receives benefits from at least one of the following qualifying programs:

Medicaid:

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as Food Stamps; Supplemental Security Income (SSI); Federal Public Housing Assistance; Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP); National School Lunch Program's free lunch program;

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF); Low Income Senior Citizens discount plan offered by a local gas or power company

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# C.5 LOW INCOME PROGRAM (Cont'd)

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- 1. Lifeline Assistance (Cont'd)
  - b. Regulations (Cont'd)
    - Other eligibility requirements may be established by the Commission.
    - 4) Each subscriber to Lifeline Assistance must certify in writing to the Company, under penalty of perjury, that s/he receives benefits under a program outlined in sub-paragraphs (a) through (c), above, and must, on that same document, agree to notify the Company if s/he ceases to participate in the program(s). The certification form shall conform to the requirements described herein, and shall be made available upon request to any subscriber. The Company shall retain all such subscriber certifications in order to furnish proof of subscriber eligibility as may be required from time to time by Universal Service administrators.
    - A subscriber may elect at the time of subscription to Lifeline Assistance to receive toll limitation as part of Lifeline Assistance. "Toll limitation" is a service that allows a subscriber to elect not to allow the completion of outgoing toll calls from the subscriber's residence.

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#### C.5 LOW INCOME PROGRAM (Cont'd)

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- 1. Lifeline Assistance (Cont'd)
  - b. Regulations (Cont'd)
    - 6) Lifeline Assistance will not be disconnected for non-payment of toll charges, unless the Company first demonstrates to the Commission that the Company would incur substantial costs, that the Company offers toll limitation without charge, and that telephone subscribership among low-income subscribers in the Company's service area is greater than or equal to the national subscribership rate for low-income consumers. For purposes of this paragraph, a "low-income consumer" is one with an income below the poverty level for a family of four residing in Georgia. The Company shall follow all applicable notice provisions as established, from time to time, by the Commission, as part of the waiver process, and to implement a waiver, if granted. The Company may reapply for the waiver as necessary.
    - 7) The Company may not collect a service deposit in order to initiate Lifeline Assistance if the qualifying low-income subscriber voluntarily elects toll blocking from the Company, where available or if the qualifying low-income subscriber elects a calling plan that does not distinguish between toll and non-toll calls in its pricing. If toll blocking is unavailable, then the Company may charge a service deposit.

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# C.5 LOW INCOME PROGRAM (Cont'd)

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- Lifeline Assistance (Cont'd)
  - c. Effective August 1, 2012, the Lifeline credit available to an eligible customer in Georgia is equal to the total of federal support as established by the Federal Communications Commission. The amount of credit will not exceed the charge for local service, which includes the access line, the Subscriber Line Charge and local usage.
  - d. The Company shall apply the baseline payments received by the administrator of the federal Lifeline Assistance program to waive the qualifying customer's federal Subscriber Line Charge. The Company shall apply any additional federal support amount to the qualifying customer's basic local exchange service rate.
  - e. To be eligible for Lifeline Assistance, qualifying customers must subscribe to a flat-rate basic local exchange service offering that is made available in the Company's service area.
  - f. Partial payments that are received from Lifeline customers shall first be applied to local service charges and then to any outstanding toll charges. (

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#### BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

### C.1 General

- A. This tariff is governed, except as otherwise specified herein, by the General Rules and Regulations of the Georgia Public Service Commission. Unless otherwise specified, the charges quoted in this tariff are periods of one month, and payable monthly in advance.
- B. The rates specified herein entitle subscribers to access all exchange access lines in the subscriber's county within the same LATA, all exchange access lines bearing the central office designations of the subscriber's exchange.
- C. The rates quoted herein, also entitle the subscriber of these exchanges to call without additional charge, subscribers in other service areas, as outlined below:

Trenton: EAS to Rising Fawn, GA; West Brow, GA; Rossville, GA; Chattanooga, TN; Bryant, AL; Chickamauga, GA; and Flat Rock, AL.

Rising Fawn: EAS to Trenton, GA; West Brow, GA; Rossville, GA; Chattanooga, TN; Bryant, AL; Chickamauga, GA; and Flat Rock, AL.

West Brow: EAS to Chattanooga, TN; Trenton, GA; Rossville, GA; Rising Fawn, GA; Bryant, Al, Chattanooga, TN; Tunnel Hill, GA; and Flat Rock AL.

# C.1 Rates - Touchtone Access Line

Within the base rate area as specified on the attached map, rates for the Trenton Telephone Company Exchanges are as follows:

1PB	2PB	4PB	ROTARY	1PRFR	2PRFR	4PRFR
33.20	27.50	17.14 (I)	49.05	19.54 (I)	19.54 (I)	16.39 (I)

Information previously found in this Section has been moved to Section Z.

# C.3 Maps

Maps which indicate and define the exchange and base rate area limits of the respective exchanges are filed with the Georgia Public Service Commission as part of the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity granted by the Commission.

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# OBSOLETE SERVICE OFFERINGS

# MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

C.2 Rates - Access Line Only

Within the base rate area as specified on map attached, rate for the Trenton Telephone Company Exchanges are as follow:

1PB	2PB	4PB	ROTARY	1PRFR	2PRFR	4PRFR
31.70	26.00	15.64 (I)	47.55	19.54 (I)	19.19 (I)	14.89 (I)

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